

### A Well-Earned Honour.

It is officially announced that the German Emperor has conferred upon his sister, the Crown Princess of Greece, the Louise Order, which was founded in 1814 by King Frederick William III. of Prussia as a reward to Prussian women for services rendered to the Fatherland especially in times of war.

The decoration bestowed upon the Princess has the Red Cross engraved upon it, and it is therefore concluded that it is a recognition of Her Royal Highness's efforts on behalf of the wounded during the late Turko-Greek War. The Emperor is stated to have repeatedly expressed warm appreciation of his sister's work of charity, which he described as worthy of a daughter of the house of Hohenzollern. Those who had the pleasure of working with the Crown Princess of Greece in the wards of the Ecole Militaire in Athens, will rejoice at any official recognition of which she is made the recipient. Nothing, however, can add to the honour she reflected on true womanhood by her unselfish devotion to duty in personally alleviating by every means in her power the pain and misery of the wounded when racked with anxiety for the personal safety of her nearest and dearest. The courage, devotion, and fine judgment displayed by the Crown Princess of Greece from the beginning to the end of this hopeless war, is one more convincing proof of the queenliness of women in the hour of disaster, and will be recorded hers for righteousness when happier days dawn, as they must do in the near future.

### Honours for Nurses.

We reported last week that the decoration of the Royal Red Cross had been conferred by the Queen upon Mrs. Ann Ayre Hely. This lady is an inmate of the hospital at Ravenstone, Leicestershire, and is the widow of a surgeon formerly practising in Ravenstone. Mrs. Hely left England in the year 1854, with Dr. Holmes Cortes and Mrs. Cortes to join the staff of Miss Nightingale in the Crimea. She was stationed at Ranki on the Dardanelles, and served there under Dr. Parkes from August up to the end of the war, having generally as many as one hundred and fifty patients under her charge, chiefly suffering from gunshot wounds and frost bites. She remained there until all the soldiers were convalescent or ready to come home.

### Appointment.

MISS ADA CHARLOTTE STROUGHILL has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Fleet Cottage Hospital. Miss Stroughill was trained and certificated at University College Hospital, and afterwards acted for some months as Charge Nurse at the Hampstead Infirmary. The Fleet Cottage Hospital is quite a new one.

### Nursing Echoes.

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WE regret to announce that an outbreak of enteric fever has occurred at University College Hospital, eleven nurses and four maids having been attacked. No reason can at present be assigned for the outbreak, though every means has been taken to discover the cause. There is a theory, which may or may not prove to be correct, that, in making the excavations for the new buildings typhoid germs in the soil have been set free, and that this has caused the trouble. The above information was given to a representative of the NURSING RECORD, but, if it is a fact that, as it is stated, by more than one contemporary, information is being withheld from the press, we desire to point out that such a policy is unwise and shortsighted. It cannot be expected that the existence of an outbreak of such dimensions can be concealed—and what is there to conceal? If the facts of the case be not given to the press, it is driven to rely upon reports which may or may not be correct. The obvious and wisest course, for the authorities of University College Hospital at the present time to adopt, is to afford full facility to the press to obtain accurate information. By taking this course also they will enlist the sympathy, and in all probability the help, of the public.

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WE are glad to learn that many changes in the organization of the nursing curriculum at Guy's Hospital have been inaugurated of late, one great advantage being that the sisters may for the future be selected from amongst those who have earned distinction and promotion by passing through the complete term of three years' training as regular probationers. Nothing can be more unfair than to place over these thoroughly trained and efficient nurses, sisters who have only spent one year in the wards as lady pupils, and who, with the best intentions, cannot have acquired either the knowledge or experience necessary to teach others. Much bitterness in the past has been aroused amongst the staff nurses, on this question, at Guy's, and we have no doubt that the reforms will have a most excellent effect. Capacity (which cannot be acquired without experience) should alone be taken into consideration when selecting a sister of a ward.

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